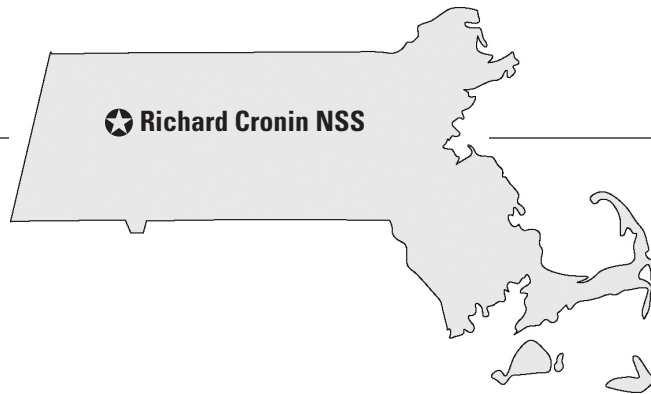


Richard Cronin

National Salmon Station

Fact Sheet for Members of Congress



Represented by the following Members of Congress:

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D)
Senator John F. Kerry (D)
Rep. John W. Olver (D-1st)

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Profile

Established :	1982
Current acres:	60
Staff:	1 permanent 1 term
FY 2003 budget:	\$122,001
2002 volunteer hours:	2,402
2002 visitation:	4,500

Purpose

Richard Cronin National Salmon Station was established to hold Connecticut River sea-run Atlantic salmon.

Public Use Notes

- Educational tours
- Adopt-A-Salmon program
- Disabled veterans fishing program (seasonal)
- Seasonal special needs fishing programs
- School programs

Management Activities

- Genetic spawning program
- Only federal facility that traps wild Connecticut River sea-run Atlantic salmon as a part of the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program
- Partnership with USGS in conducting research in the Connecticut River

Highlights

The station traps and holds wild Connecticut River Atlantic salmon for spawning.

The station maintains Atlantic salmon kelts and domestics for public viewing.

The station developed the nation's first genetic mating restoration program.

The station offers special needs fishing programs for veterans and other groups.

950 disabled Americans participated in the station's special needs catch and release fishing program in 2003.

Issues

Restoring Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River

Maintaining genetic diversity with unique genetic pairing at spawning time

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